



## **DIRECTIVE AND ORDER REGARDING NOTIFICATION OF CERTAIN PERSONS ABOUT EXPOSURE TO 2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS**

**Pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Health-Gen. §§ 2-104, 18-102, 18-103**

I, Robert R. Neall, Secretary of Health, finding it necessary for the prevention and control of 2019 Novel Coronavirus ("2019-nCoV") and for the protection of emergency medical service clinicians, firefighters, law enforcement personnel, correctional officers, and other persons identified in sections 18-213, 18-213.1 and 18-213.2 of the Health-General Article, hereby issue this Order and Directive ("Order") regarding notice to those persons.

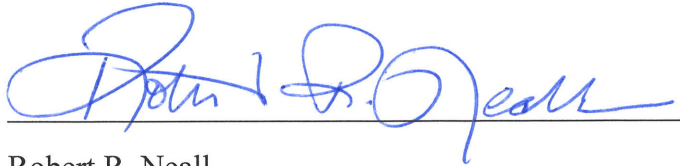
1. To protect emergency medical service clinicians, firefighters, law enforcement personnel, correctional officers, and other persons identified in sections 18-213, 18-213.1 and 18-213.2 of the Health-General Article, I direct that, for the duration of the public health emergency caused by 2019-nCoV, 2019-nCoV shall be added to the list of contagious diseases and viruses in section 18-213(a)(2), 18-213.1(a)(4), and 18-213.2(a)(4) to whom notice is required under those statutes.

2. I further direct that, effective on the date of this Order and for the duration of the public health emergency caused by 2019-nCoV, the emergency medical service clinicians, firefighters, law enforcement personnel, correctional officers, and other persons identified in sections 18-213, 18-213.1 and 18-213.2 of the Health-General Article shall receive the notice required by those sections in the event of their exposure to 2019-nCoV.

3. I further direct that the State-designated health information exchange, the Chesapeake Regional Information System for Our Patients, Inc. ("CRISP") shall notify the infection control officers of Jurisdictional EMS Operational Programs, as defined in COMAR 30.01.01.02(b)(17), of specific EMS clinicians who have come in contact, through EMS transport or treatment, with patients with laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 for the duration of the public

health emergency caused by 2019-nCoV.

THIS DIRECTIVE AND ORDER IS ISSUED UNDER MY HAND THIS 16TH DAY OF MARCH 2020, AND IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.



Robert R. Neall  
Secretary of Health